



7/A of 9-30-9
PATENT
Docket No. 55959US002

RECEIVED
MAR 6 - 2002
TECHNOLOGY CENTER R3700

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): William L. STEBBINGS et al.) Group Art Unit: 3764
Serial No.: 09/934,450) Examiner: Unassigned
Filed: 21 August 2001)
For: STRETCH REMOVABLE ADHESIVE ARTICLES AND METHODS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to taking up the above-identified application for examination, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 17, line 10, with the following rewritten paragraph. Per 37 C.F.R. §1.121, this paragraph is also shown in Appendix A with notations to indicate the changes made.

AI In a preferred embodiment, the pressure sensitive adhesive is reinforced to increase the internal strength of the adhesive, and hence, its stretchability. This can be accomplished through the use of chemical or physical crosslinking, the addition of a second polymeric component having a higher glass transition temperature, or the addition of nonpolymeric fillers (e.g., calcium carbonate, clay, zinc oxide) or the addition of fibers into the pressure sensitive adhesive. Suitable reinforced adhesives are disclosed in International Publication Nos. WO 97/23577 (Hyde et al.) and WO 96/25469 (Hyde et al.), U.S. Pat. No. 6,045,895 (Hyde et al.), and in Applicants' Assignee's copending U.S. Patent Application

[

A